

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 28, 2002 LB 791

believe they're right in respect to the term or with respect to term limits? Senator Schrock said, if there's going to be gambling, the Legislature owes it to the people to make the game fair. The Legislature doesn't owe the people anything in that regard. It just shows that, in their stupidity they voted for something without realizing what it was they were voting for. They went for a pig in a poke. The gambling interests who are trying to get us to vote for this bill as a Legislature, pushed that ballot issue so they could make the money on their end of it. You know the only ones who are smart when it comes to gambling? The house. The house never loses. And the bookie, because the bookie never bets. The bookie is like the broker. The bookie doesn't care who wins, doesn't care who loses. The bookie wants an equal number of betters or an equal amount of money on each side because the bookie is going to get 10 percent regardless of who wins or loses. So if you're going to be involved in the gambling industry, you be the bookie or you be the house, but don't be the suckers that Senator Schrock wants to increase in number, that Senator Janssen wants to increase in number, that GTECH wants to increase in number. With me, it is, indeed, a principle, and I believe that we ought to take this bracket motion. I see Senator Bourne is back. I would like to ask Senator Bourne a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR SPEAKER: Senator Bourne, you did argue that the public voted for the lottery and, therefore, we ought to do what this bill wants us to do or something like that, didn't you?

SENATOR BOURNE: As I recall, the public voted for the lottery, and they also voted that, at the same time of that election, and Senator Janssen can correct me if I'm wrong, but they voted that a significant portion of that go to the environment, and a portion of that go to the education.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what...didn't they say something should go into the Compulsive Gambling Fund?

SENATOR BOURNE: That I do not know.